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SUBJECT: MESSAGE FROM FILON CORP.

1. FILON CORP NOTIFIED NEA/ARN APRIL 19 THAT THEY HAVE REQUESTED IMMEDIATE JORDANIAN ASSISTANCE IN THE DEAD SEA AREA BY CABLE TO AHMED DAKHGAN, VICE PRESIDENT, NATURAL RESOURCES AUTHORITY, QUOTED BELOW:

I HAVE BEEN INFORMED BY MR. BERT BERRONG THE FILON GEOPHYSICAL REPRESENTATIVES IN JORDAN, THAT THE SEISMIC CREW HAS FOUND TEN TO TWENTY ANTI PERSONNEL MINES IN THE AREA SOUTH OF EL LISAN WHERE WE ARE CONDUCTING GEOPHYSICAL OPERATIONS UNDER THE NRA FILON CONTRACT. WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE JORDANIAN ARMY HAS CLEARED MINES IN THIS AREA BEFORE, BUT THAT THE WIND AND WATER MAY HAVE MOVED THE MINES INTO THE AREA VERY RECENTLY.

WE RESPECTFULLY REQUEST THAT NRA ARRANGE FOR A JORDANIAN ARMY MINE TEAM OF TWO OR THREE MEN TO BE IMMEDIATELY ASSIGNED TO OUR SEISMIC CREW SURVEYOR SO THAT A TWENTY-METER WIDE AREA CAN BE CLEARED IN FRONT OF OUR SEISMIC
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CREW.

WE CONSIDER THIS MATTER TO BE SUFFICIENTLY SERIOUS THAT I INTEND TO STOP DEAD SEA SEISMIC OPERATIONS UNTIL THE MINES HAVE BEEN CLEARED IN FRONT OF OUR CREW. UNFORTUNATE-LY, OUR GEOPHYSICAL EXPENDITURES MUST CONTINUE EVEN THOUGH THE CREW IS SHUT DOWN SO THAT THE GEOPHYSICAL

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COSTS WILL CONTINUE TO ACCRUE TOWARDS THE MINIMUM U.S. DOLS 275,000 OBLIGATION, EVEN THOUGH DATA CANNOT BE OBTAINED.

WE DO NOT WISH TO STOP GEOPHYSICAL OPERATIONS, SO WE REQUEST YOUR URGENT ATTENTION TO THIS MATTER. THE ARMY MINE TEAM OFFICER IN CHARGE SHOULD CONTACT MR. JOHN BRIGHT, CGG PARTY CHIEF, AT THE DEAD SEA.

PLEASE REPLY AT YOUR EARLIEST CONVENIENCE. BEST REGARDS, DON K. HENDERSON, EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT FILON EXPLORATIONS CORP. DENVER, COLORADO. UNQUOTE.

2. WE WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY CHECKING TO SEE DAKHGAN HAS RECEIVED MESSAGE. CHRISTOPHER

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